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> <u>Bluffton Police Dept. Provides Safe Place for Virtual Business Transactions;</u> <u>Residents Encouraged to Meet at Dept. to Buy and Sell Items Found on Internet</u>

Bluffton Police Department representatives are offering their front door, lobby and parking lot as safe places to meet if you are making a business transaction which originated on the internet.

"Play it safe and meet at the Bluffton Police Department instead of an empty shopping center parking lot to buy or sell an item which you found on the internet," Lt. Scott Chandler said. "The second a person suggests the Department as the meeting place to do a transaction, you can most often decipher if the buyer or seller is ethical and honorable about the deal."

Craigslist and other internet marketplaces have been the source of numerous nationwide crimes and the Bluffton Police Department representatives want Bluffton residents and guests to know they have a safe, protected location to meet prospective buyers and sellers.